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Peoria Breaks Ground on Paloma Community Park

Peoria, Ariz. (April 30, 2018) On Tuesday, April 30, officials from the city of Peoria and Maricopa County gathered for a ground breaking ceremony, kicking off the construction of the eagerly-anticipated Paloma Community Park.

“Quality parks enrich our community and contribute to the sense of fulfillment and enjoyment that makes our city such a wonderful place to live,” said Mayor Cathy Carlat. “A lot of care has gone in to ensuring Paloma Community Park serves our residents to the fullest, and I can’t wait until this incredible space is filled with family and friends who are enjoying this park and the beautiful Sonoran Desert around it.”

The 85 acres of initial park development will include tournament grade baseball and soccer fields, multi-use open turf, a fishing lake, multi-generational inclusive playgrounds and splash pad, group and individual picnic ramadas, a multi-cell dog park, lighted pickleball courts, and supporting park maintenance, restroom, and concessions buildings. The park will include numerous hard and soft surface walking loops, and a trailhead for access to Peoria's Westwing Mountain trail system. Future trail connectivity into the larger New River open space is already in the planning stages.

The park will be located east of Lake Pleasant Pkwy. just south of the Loop 303 on land owned by Maricopa County Flood Control District and managed by the city through an inter-



governmental agreement between the two entities. Construction of phase one is set to be completed in Summer of 2020.

“Paloma Park is going to have an amazing impact on the community,” said Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher. “Completion of Peoria’s third community park will bring long-awaited amenities to the surrounding area and provide a great place for all residents to relax and play. Peoria is committed to providing balanced amenities across the city and citizen input is critical to that balance. I strongly encourage everyone to stay involved with this project as it moves into phase two. Paloma Park is another testament to the exceptional quality of life in Peoria and will be enjoyed by residents now and for generations to come.”

Potential amenities for the second phase of the park may include additional lighted ball fields, walking trails, interpretive trails, “all-wheels” skate and bike court, equestrian trailhead, multi-purpose fields and additional parking and restrooms. The approximate size of the park will be 120 acres when both phases are completed. A public engagement process will accompany the final design concepts for phase two.

“Maricopa County is proud to partner with Peoria to allow common sense, recreational use of flood control land that also maintains the integrity and function of New River Dam,” said Maricopa County Supervisor Clint Hickman, who represents this area and the rest of District 4. “The Flood Control District has had great success in the past with these types of land use agreements. I’m confident Paloma Park will be a wonderful place for families in the Northwest Valley to come together.”

